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WITH TENSIONING ELEMENTS

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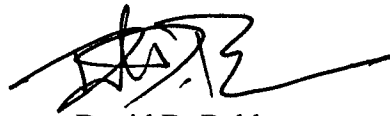
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/CA05/00339 03/03/2005  
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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/591,381**

**Projected Publication Date:** 12/06/2007

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

Self-Centering Energy Dissipative Brace Apparatus With Tensioning Elements

**Preliminary Class**

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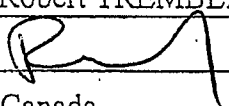
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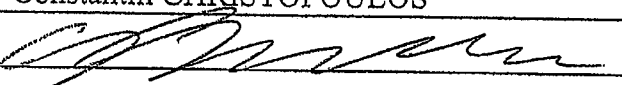
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